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EGYPT: President Sadat has been under increasing pressures to produce some tangible progress in getting Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory.

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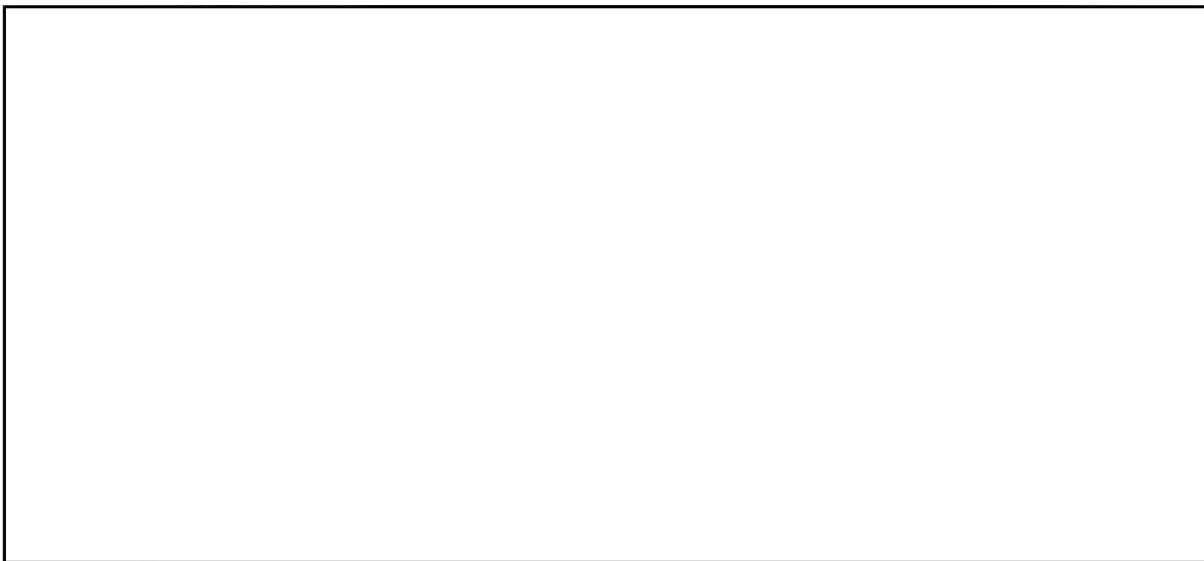
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25X1 Some military officers are said to be increasingly frustrated at the "no war, no peace" situation and Sadat's inability to obtain Israeli agreement on the vital issue of withdrawal. Most military officers are aware of Egypt's inability to resume effective hostilities against Israel. Some, however, are reportedly frustrated enough to vent this feeling against the country's leaders, especially the President.

In addition, Sadat's recent forthcoming political stance in contacts with UN representative Jarring may have made him vulnerable to charges of being conciliatory toward Israel. Such insinuations might become particularly harmful if Sadat's moves fail to produce any movement toward achieving Israeli withdrawal.

There is as yet little sign that such frustrations and dissatisfactions have reached a critical stage, but they do represent potential dangers for the President. Sadat's recent actions, however, imply some confidence of being capable of containing these currents, at least for the present.

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C ARGENTINA: The Levingston government is faced with a serious political problem developing in the interior city of Cordoba, where a general strike is scheduled for tomorrow. Extremist labor leaders apparently are seeking to use student and worker unrest plus the confusion caused by the abrupt resignation of the respected provincial governor last week to provoke a confrontation with the military-backed government. Cordoba has long been a center of political turmoil and in 1969 was the scene of bloody student and labor riots; these had serious political repercussions which at least indirectly contributed to the eventual removal of President Onganía. Security forces should be able to control the situation tomorrow, although a threatened police strike over low wages could seriously complicate matters.



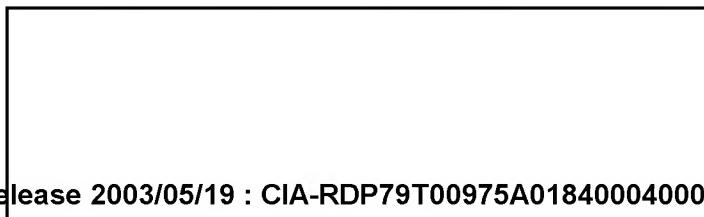
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